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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Massage and Bodywork Workshop
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, August 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Cannon Bldg., Conference Room B 861 Silver Lake Blvd Dover, DE 19904
MINUTES APPROVED:	October 20, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lora Bryner, LMT, President
Cindy Horsman, LMT, Vice President
Sheila Nagyiski, CMT
Sharon Harris, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Gordon Gelley, Public Member
Diane Langston, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Nancy Fields, Administrative Specialist II
Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

David Patterson
Beth Richmond

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Bryner called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The topic most discussed was the shocking news House Bill was vetoed by Governor Markell. This took place at the deadline of the signing period, apparently after the Governor's office received calls and letters from certified technicians who either, did not like or understand the bill, or didn't have previous knowledge that the bill existed.

The Board underwent over three years of discussions at public meetings and workshops and spent a lot of time researching the massage profession and what surrounding states were doing. It went thorough an investigation by the Sunset Committee, held multiple public hearings at Legislative Hall in front of the Sunset Committee, made all the changes recommended by the Sunset Committee and jointly came up with a bill, which passed the House and Senate.

From the information that the Board received, the primary complaint from many of the Technicians was that they were not personally notified that a new bill was being proposed and how it would affect them, although the Division, Board, and Legislative Committee followed protocol and made sure that all the minutes, agendas and public meeting notices were made available.

Over the years, the Division staff has informed a large majority of the practitioners when they called into customer service that a new bill was being proposed and that it was suggested that they attend meetings and get involved, yet only a few practitioners ever showed up or offered their suggestions, comments, or assistance. The Board felt that no one was really concerned about it.

The first item on Board's current strategic plan is to continually have workshops to work on amendments to the current Rules and Regulations as soon as possible. Then, it will begin working on another bill to be submitted in the next legislative session. Public attendance, comments, suggestions and assistance are highly appreciated and welcome. The Board will also be increasing public awareness by using the Division of Professional Regulation mass email system and website as well as the AMTA, ABMP and other national organizations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The Board suggested scheduling a workshop for September 16, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Nagyiski, seconded by Ms. Horsman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Fields
Administrative Specialist II